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A.—(*a*) The breed suitable for the West Coast is the Scindhe and this is being bred at the Hosur Cattle Farm. The Government do not propose to open new farms until work in this and other existing farms has been consolidated and developed.

(*b*) Bulls as they become available are being distributed by the Director of Agriculture with reference to the needs of the Presidency as a whole. The claims of the South Kanara district will receive due consideration.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—"With regard to the answer to clause (*b*), may I know whether the difficulty is in getting bulls or in finding the money for them ?"

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"Either or both, Sir, according to circumstances."

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Occupation of the mantapam at Tirumalai by the Police.

*1660 Q.—Rao Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that the thousand pillared mantapam in Tirumalai (the Tirupati Hills) has been converted into rooms at the cost of the Tirupati Devasthanam for the accommodation and convenience of pilgrims that visit the shrine in all parts of the year ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that ten rooms in the first two rows which are the best part of the mantapam are being occupied by the police staff at a nominal rent of one rupee for eight rooms and two rupees for two rooms per mensem ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that owing to such occupation the pilgrims are obliged to seek accommodation elsewhere ; and

(*d*) whether the Government will be pleased to take immediate steps to provide separate quarters for the police staff and vacate the mantapam for the convenience of pilgrims ?

A.—(*a*) The Government understand that the thousand pillared mantapam at Tirumalai was converted into rooms at the cost of the Devasthanam not only for the convenience of the pilgrims but also to provide accommodation for the Devasthanam offices and officers.

(*b*) It is reported that out of the 59 rooms ten are occupied by the police for rent, and 43 by Devasthanam officers, while stores are kept in the remaining six rooms.

(*c*) None of the rooms being available for pilgrims, several sheds have lately been constructed for their accommodation.

(*d*) The question will not arise until it is raised by the Devasthanam authoritie .